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SUBJ: SHOOTING INCIDENT AT SOVIET COMPLEX IN RIVERDALE

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1. FURTHER TO REFTELS, NEW YORK CITY POLICE AND FBI WERE ADMITTED TO SOVIET RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX IN RIVERDALE AND HAVE EXAMINED DAMAGED AREA. A LARGE (8'X8') PLATE GLASS WINDOW WAS COMPLETELY SHATTERED. TWO SLUGS WERE RECOVERED. THEY WERE IMBEDDED IN WALL OF LOBBY.

2. IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM A WOODED KNOLL IN A PARK SOME 300 YARDS FROM THE BUILDING WHICH WAS STRUCK. ALONG WITH THE RIFLE, POLICE RECOVERED FOUR SPENT SHELLS AND THREE SHELLS WHICH HAD MISFIRED, PLUS ONE ADDITIONAL UNEXPENDED SHELL WHICH WAS STILL IN THE CHAMBER OF THE RIFLE. POLICE AND FBI ARE CONDUCTING A JOINT INVESTIGATION.

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3. POLICE DENY SOVIET CHARGE THAT THERE WAS NO POLICE ON DUTY AT THE COMPOUND AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING. A FOOT PATROLMAN WAS ON DUTY AND WAS WALKING THE PERIMETER OF THE COMPOUND WHEN HE HEARD WHAT HE THOUGHT WERE FIRE-CRACKER EXPLOSIONS AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 AM, FEBRUARY 27. THE SAME POLICE OFFICER IS THE PERSON WHO FOUND THE RIFLE DURING A SEARCH OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. POLICE TOLD USUN THAT COVERAGE OF COMPLEX HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE THE BUILDINGS WERE FIRST OCCUPIED. THE COVERAGE HAS EITHER BEEN IN THE FORM OF A FOOT PATROLMAN OF A POLICE OFFICER ON A SCOOTER. BEGINNING TODAY, POLICE HAVE INCREASED COVERAGE TO TWO POLICE OFFICERS.

4. JEWISH ARMED RESISTANCE (BELIEVED TO BE AN OFFSHOOT OF JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE) HAS TAKEN CREDIT FOR THE SHOOTING. AS APPROXIMATELY 4:30 AM, UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE TELEPHONED ASSOCIATED PRESS, UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, AND NEW YORK POST, AND STATED THAT FOUR SHOTS HAD BEEN FIRED INTO THE SOVIET COMPLEX IN RIVERDALE. THE WOMAN SAID THE ATTACK WAS MADE TO DRAMATIZE PLIGHT OF MARINA TIEMKIN, A 15-YEAR OLD SOVIET JEW WHO REPORTEDLY WAS SENT TO A MENTAL INSTITUTION AFTER VOICING A DESIRE TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL.
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